

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION

JAMES PICKENS,
Plaintiff

vs.

MANAGEMENT & TRAINING
CORPORATION, *et al.*,
Defendants

Civil Action No. 3:16-cv-913-CWR-FKB

MOTION FOR EXTENSION (Opposed in Part)

COME NOW Defendants Management & Training Corporation, Lephew Jenkins, Grady Wallace, Terry Daniel, and Amedeo Colangelo (collectively “MTC”), by counsel, and request additional time to prepare and file their Responses to (1) Plaintiff’s Third Motion to Compel Discovery [Dkt. 102], (2) Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike Defenses and for Default Judgment [Dkt. 103] and (3) Plaintiff’s Fourth Motion to Compel Discovery [Dkt. 104], as follows:

1. On November 6, 2018, Plaintiff filed two motions: his Third Motion to Compel Discovery [Dkt. 102] and his Motion to Strike Defenses and for Default Judgment. [Dkt. 103] The following day, November 7, 2018, Plaintiff filed his Fourth Motion to Compel Discovery [Dkt 104]. MTC’s Responses to these motions are due November 20 and 21, 2018, respectively.

2. MTC seeks extensions to file its responses to each of these motions up to and including November 30, 2018. This motion is not made for the purposes of delay. The undersigned only entered her appearance in this case on November 6, 2018, following the resignation of MTC’s former Counsel, Richard Davis. Since that time, she has attempted to come up to speed on the history, pleadings, and substantial discovery exchanged in this case. This process is ongoing. Additional time will assist counsel in making correct and meaningful

responses to Plaintiff's three motions. Further, the undersigned has additional work obligations, including an early December trial in Washington County Mississippi, an appeal from a Louisiana Bankruptcy Court, and other work obligations that make it difficult to complete these three responses in the time allowed.

3. Counsel for MTC contacted Plaintiff's counsel regarding this extension. While he agreed to an extension up to and including November 30 for MTC to file its response to his motion to strike [Dkt. 103], he stated he would only agree to an extension up to and including November 23, 2018 for MTC to file its responses to Plaintiff's other two motions. MTC respectfully submits that a 2-3 day extension of time that includes the Thanksgiving holiday will not provide sufficient time for MTC to adequately complete its briefing. No reasonable basis exists why MTC should not be permitted an additional seven days to respond, particularly when Plaintiff has agreed to the same seven day period respecting a separate motion.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendants Management & Training Corporation, Lopher Jenkins, Grady Wallace, Terry Daniel, and Amedio Colangelo respectfully request that this Court enter an order granting them an extension of time up to, and including, November 30, 2018 to prepare and file their Responses to Plaintiff's Third and Fourth Motions to Compel Discovery and his Motion to Strike. Defendants additionally pray for any and all other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: November 19, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

**MANAGEMENT & TRAINING
CORPORATION, ET AL.**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lindsey O. Watson, attorney for Defendants, do hereby certify that I have, this day, filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court via the CM/ECF system, which has caused a true and correct copy to be served on all counsel of record.

Dated: November 19, 2018.

/s/ Lindsey O. Watson
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